QUESTIONS FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY
(BUT NOT TAKEN UP)

* *Release of Bamboos From Government Forest*

39. SRI P. D. BANGERA (Sullia).—Will the Minister for Food and Forests be pleased to state ;-

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that it is necessary to obtain permit from the Conservator of Forests for getting 100 bamboos from Government Forests required for construction of houses and cattles sheds by the poor rural agriculture labour and for development of home industries.

(b) as it is not possible for many poor people to obtain such permits whether a proposal is under consideration to entrust the work of issuing permits to the respective Range Forest Officers so as to help them.

(c) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that such arrangement is in great need in South Kanara District ?

SRI K. H. PATIL (Minister for Food and Forests).—

(a) Bamboo has died due to natural phenomena and the new growth is yet to be established. Because of the acute shortage due to this reason, bamboos are made available to Melars, Barads and others engaged in Basket making at 50 bamboos per family per month from Government Depots. Bamboos for *bona fide* uses like House construction are also released at 50 bamboos in each case. The releases are ordered by the Divisional Forest Officer.

(b) Relaxation is not possible because of acute scarcity.

(c) No, however such exception is also not possible.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE.

(*i*) *re : Food Poisoning incident at Chamarajapet on 24—7—1974.*

SRI M. H. JAYAPRAKASH NARAYAN (SIRSI) .—I call the attention of the Minister for Health to the food poisoning incident at Chamarajpet, Bangalore, on 24—7—1974.